



September 2022

Connecting the DOTs

DOT New Engineer Training (DOTNET)

The DOTNET Group had a Field Tour in the Rapid City Region on Aug. 30 and Sept. 1, 2022.

The tour included an in-depth look at the newly reconstructed Belvidere Rest Area, Hot Springs Urban Reconstruction project, a concrete plant tour, Keystone Wye Bridge, Lacrosse Street and Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) project, and more.

Thanks to everyone who assisted with presentations and tours of local projects and facilities.

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SDDOT Mission:

To efficiently provide a safe and effective public transportation system

SDDOT Vision:

Better lives through better transportation by being the best





The Secretary's Corner



WORKFORCE

**Let's keep our recruitment momentum moving forward!
Take advantage of the Referral Incentive Program.
Together, we can successfully build our SDDOT team!**

As announced earlier this month through my **Information Interchange**, the **Full-Time Employee Referral Incentive Program** is available to DOT employees who refer an applicant (not currently a full-time State employee) to fill a posted, full-time position that offers a hiring incentive.

If you know good candidates, encourage them to apply. Additional program logistics, and an informational flyer to post, are available on our Intranet site at

<https://intranetdot.sd.gov/Recruitment.aspx>.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to recruit for our organization, and potentially earn \$1,000!



National Move Over Day is Oct. 19, 2022

The day is designed to remind drivers to protect our roadside workers.

Roadside workers, like law enforcement officers, road construction and highway maintenance crews, and tow truck operators, spend much of their work days mere feet away from speeding traffic, putting their lives on the line to keep our roadways safe.

Sadly, these roadside workers and rescuers are being struck by vehicles and injured or killed at an alarming rate. Between 2013 and 2020, roadway work fatalities increased 45% according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

SDDOT will collaborate with the South Dakota Highway Patrol and AAA South Dakota during the month of October and on National Move Over Day to remind drivers of the importance of following **South Dakota's Move Over law** - https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/2055150.

Please share the campaign information on your social media sites! Let's help keep our SDDOT employees safe; and remind all motorists to pay attention, move over, and slow down on our state highways!



The Mitchell and Aberdeen Regions are completing their Roadeo events (and employee meetings) this week in Sioux Falls!

Rapid City and Pierre Region Roadeos are planned for Oct. 4 - 6 in Rapid City. The State Roadeo Finals are in Pierre on Oct. 12, 2022!

Watch for photos and information highlighting Roadeo competitors (and winners) in our October newsletter.

Upcoming - Employee Meetings:

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Pierre Region maintenance staff/staff attending the Roadeo in Rapid City

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Rapid City Region maintenance staff attending the Roadeo in Rapid City

**Other staff in the Rapid City Region, who won't be at winter engineering meetings, should attend.*

Pierre Central Office:

Monday, Nov. 21: 9-10:30 a.m.

Finance, Air/Rail/Transit, Aviation Services, Operation Support, Audits, and Internal Services

Monday, Nov. 21: 1:30-3 p.m.

Materials, ROW, Legal, Secretariat, Training, and ITS

Monday, Nov 28: 9-10:30 a.m.

P&E Admin./Environmental, Local Govt Assistance, Research, and Road Design

Monday, Nov 28: 1:30-3 p.m.

Transportation Inventory Management, Bridge, and Project Development



Winter Engineering Meetings/Employee Meetings:

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023

Pierre and Rapid City Region staff attending winter engineering meetings

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023

Mitchell and Aberdeen Region staff attending winter engineering meetings

***Pierre Region staff, not attending a Roadeo or winter engineering meeting, plan to attend with Central Office staff in November!**

***If you are unable to attend the meeting day and time assigned to you/your office, please choose a meeting that works for you.**



WORKFORCE

Commonly Asked Training Questions

By Amy Klein - Greba, Training Specialist

Q: I have a video I have watched twice but it still shows “In Progress” in the LMS, what do I need to do to complete it?

Amy: Locate video on Transcript, hover over the Launch button, click Mark Complete.

Q: What is an Express Class? Who can use it?

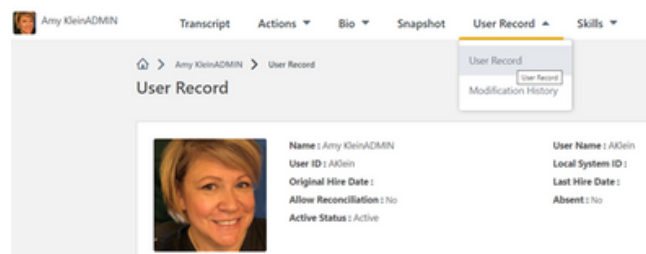
Amy: Express Class is used when an employee can demonstrate competency/knowledge in a skill, such as use of a specific piece of equipment or computer program, or other skills connected with course found within the DOT LMS. Their supervisor may use Express Class to add that training to the employee's transcript without the employee having to actually complete the entire course. It may also be used to record content completed during safety meetings and group trainings. For our more common trainings, like the Incident Command System or Underground Storage Tank Certificates, your supervisor or our office can add those as an Express Class.

Q: Found a YouTube video that was extremely helpful. Can that be added to the LMS?

Amy: YouTube videos can easily be added to the LMS for training purposes. The best way to go about requesting a video be added to the LMS is to submit a request to the Training team including a link to the video and the reason behind your request. You can email me, Michele Beeler, Brenda Thomas or submit to dotlms@state.sd.us. We then review the video and check if the LMS contains anything similar that may be suited for the request.

Q: How do I add my profile picture to the LMS?

Amy: The easiest way to add your photo is go to your transcript. Hover over and select User Record. Select Edit Record in lower right corner. Select Change Photo. You may then upload your headshot or other suitable photo to your LMS account.



Q: I'm looking for computer training?

Amy: Depending on the type of desired training, employees can easily search the LMS by entering basic criteria in the Search Bar located in the upper right corner. Results of the search will populate on the page.

VIDEO
Dashboards for Supervisors
Last Updated: 08/18/2022 Duration: 7 minutes ★★★★★ 5
Details
A/E 76C7
This quick video will walk supervisors through how to access data in the LMS via the Dashboards.
Show More

VIDEO
Dashboards for Supervisors

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Ratings and Reviews

4.6
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Global Search

Training results

Computer Basics - Quick & Simple
Playlist | SDOOT Training Program | \$0.00 ★★★★★ (3)
Get more comfortable with your computer and all of its capabilities. Short, basic courses perfect for the inexperienced computer user.

Using The Microsoft Outlook Calendar
Video | YouTube | \$0.00 ★★★★★ (3)
A/E 76B7 Learn how to use the Microsoft Outlook Calendar to schedule appointments, meetings, and more. Outlook can also send invitations to those events and track who is going to attend.

Beginner's Guide to Excel
Video | YouTube | \$0.00 ★★★★★ (3)
A/E 76B7 Learn the basics of using Microsoft Excel, including the anatomy of a spreadsheet, how to enter data, how to make your data look good so it's easier to read and use, and more.

Beginner's Guide to Microsoft Word
Video | YouTube | \$0.00 ★★★★★ (3)

One of the Training Office's strategic goals is to educate supervisors on how to use Dashboards within the LMS. We have developed a short video for supervisors and how they can utilize the LMS to review curated reports on their employees. Please Give it a try . . . the class is called [Dashboards for Supervisors](#).



September Mentoring Minute

By John Villbrandt & Tim Wicks



When you think about mentoring, you think about the seasoned veteran with all the knowledge and experience taking the green inexperienced underling under his/her wing to teach them the ways of the Department. And when you're as old as I am, visions of Mr. Miyagi and Daniel-san come to mind from the Karate Kid movie. There's no doubt that this movie was a great example of mentoring. But a mentor doesn't always have to be someone with 25-30 years of experience, and a mentee doesn't always have to be a new employee.

Mentors do typically have a few years under their belt, but they don't necessarily need to be seasoned veterans (nice way of saying "old"). I'm sure there are several of you out there still in the first half of your career that would make great mentors. You probably have more knowledge and experience to offer than you give yourself credit for.

Likewise, there may be folks out there that are in the back half of their career looking for some guidance. Maybe you have been a Highway Maintenance Worker or Lead Worker for several years and recently were promoted to Maintenance Supervisor. All of a sudden, you're in a new supervisory role. What a great time to find a mentor to help you with that transition in your career.

Regardless of whether you're a mentor or mentee, your mentoring relationship will most likely result in both parties growing and learning as DOT employees and as individuals. Mentees hopefully come into the mentoring relationship with a list of things they want to learn or accomplish, but mentors seem to always learn something as well

As a mentor I've learned that as much as we try to be consistent as a department, we all do things differently and that's just fine as long as we continue to achieve the same goal. The Mentoring Program has allowed me to "take the blinders off" and learn that there's more than one way to do things.

The other thing (and probably the best thing) I've learned is the benefit of connecting with people on a personal level. We all have lives outside of DOT that provide challenges, rewards, ups, downs, etc. When the day is done, some of us go help on the family farm; some of us are coaching our kids' sports or getting them to/from practice or games; some of us are volunteer firemen; some of us are dealing with aging parents. All of these things make us who we are.....and they all have some influence on us at work. As you get to know your mentee/employee/co-worker on a personal level you can better relate to some of the issues they may have at work. But most importantly, you can build a bond or friendship that can last a lifetime.

The next round of the formal mentoring program is coming soon, so please give it some consideration. Until then..."**Wax on. Wax off.**" (Karate Kid reference for you youngsters) and **make time for Mentoring.**

2022 Annual Mickelson Trail DOT Bike Ride

By Mike Carlson, Rapid City Area Engineer

Once again, the morning for the annual DOT bike ride on the Mickelson Trail was cool and crisp, especially up in the Black Hills. The ride was August 27, 2022, and we began our trek, like we have since 2020, in Hill City. The goal for this year was to bike to Rochford, drink an adult beverage at the Rochford Mall, and then bike back to Hill City for a barbeque.

This year we had 16 riders successfully meet the challenge.

Pictured from Left to Right:
Kent Kennon, John Matthesen, Lana Lambert, Carol Gengler, John Gerlach, Mary Kennon, Joel Gengler, Matt Stone, Mike Carlson, Naomi Fossen, Bob Rowles, Linda Rowles, Larry Cyr, Jake Jones, Stacy Bartlett, and Jana Morris



This annual event has been happening since 2007. We used to begin the ride in Deadwood in the midst of Kool Deadwood Nites and end in Hill City for the annual Wine, Beer, and BBQ festival. Since Covid 19, we have biked from Hill City to Rochford and back.

The morning started out as a cool 44 degrees, not unusual for the Black Hills in late August. One year we began our journey with frost on the ground. But it did not take long for our bodies to warm up.

It is a gentle eight mile climb to Redfern and our first stop. From Redfern to Mystic, we travel through three tunnels and some beautiful scenery. As you leave Mystic for Rochford the trail travels alongside a meandering creek and more beautiful scenery.

The Mickelson Trail began as a train route from Edgemont to Deadwood and for many years freight, livestock, mail, and people traveled through the heart of the Black Hills. Today, the trail follows the same route through towering rock formations, gently flowing creeks, sprawling meadows, and dense forest.

Naturalist John Muir stated, "In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks." When biking on the Mickelson Trail, you can find truth in those words.

September Transit Highlight

Rural Office of Community Services (ROCS)

By Jennifer Boehm, Transit Transportation Specialist

The Rural Office of Community Services (ROCS) does many things within the State of South Dakota from assisting with mortgages, providing personal care products, supplying groceries and providing public transportation to many places throughout the state.

The two leaders of ROCS Transit are Peter Smith, CEO of ROCS and Scott Finck, the Transit Director. Both men came to the transit business from very different avenues. Peter was a non-profit executive for Behavioral Health in Boise, ID before applying for ROCS new CEO position and Scott was a director of weatherization for Interlakes Community Action Partnership (ICAP).



Pictured are Peter Smith (left) and Scott Finck (right)

When ICAP's weatherization funding was reduced, they could only afford Scott to work part-time. To continue working for ICAP as a full-time employee, they offered to let him take on the transit portion of the company as well. With zero knowledge about transit before taking the job and no training, it felt like he was thrown under the bus (pun intended 😊). But by asking questions, dedication and hard work, Scott eventually grew to love the transit world and has been there 10 years

Peter and Scott both enjoy providing transportation to their clients. Peter says, "The story the riders show me is how they have woven transit into the everyday functions of their lives." For example, there are dialysis patients in Wagner that use transit to get to their sessions. This has made their lives manageable without them having to move for medical treatment. Drivers see the value of our service more than they would've imagined." Scott enjoys building relationships with repeat passengers and drivers.

ROCS manages 2 other transit agencies that include the City of Brandon's transit system and East Dakota Transit out of Madison. Annually, ROCS drives 430,787 miles and provides 57,472 rides throughout the Southeastern part of South Dakota. Brandon Transit drives 20,948 miles and provides 10,140 rides in the city limits. East Dakota Transit drives 22,999 miles and provides 9,784 rides within Madison city limits. If residents in Brandon and Madison must go farther, ROCS provides the rides. Between the 3 agencies that is 474,734 miles in a year for 77,396 rides. This is very impressive considering their combined annual operations budget is only \$1,649,928!

Kayden's First Pitch

"Wanna Have A Catch" Makes Dreams Come True in Kansas City

*Below is an excerpt from a [Kansas City Star](#) article about Kayden Rhoades throwing out the first pitch at a Kansas City Royals game. Kayden is the grandson of **Steve Rhoades, Mitchell Equipment Shop Foreman**. Kayden was born with the rare condition of hydranencephaly.*

Travis Dressen, Mitchell Region Engineer noted, "Steve is involved with his son's business to make sports more accessible to those with disabilities who may not otherwise get the chance to be involved. This is similar to the switch hitter device developed for Tyler Green's son through Make a Wish. Steve's a very talented fabricator and spends most of his free time working in his shop. He had a hand in the design and fabrication of the Wanna have A Catch" opportunity!"

Please read the heartwarming story about Kayden at: <https://tinyurl.com/kaydensfirstpitch>



Black Hills Digital Mapping Association 2022 GIS Conference Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022 South Dakota School of Mines and Technology



Join us for the upcoming **Black Hills Digital Mapping Association (BHDMA) GIS Conference** on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (MST) on the South Dakota Mines campus in the Surbeck Center!

This is an in-person event featuring presentations and technical workshops on all topics related to GIS, given by representatives from academia, private sector, and state/local governments. Conference topics include sessions on drones, imagery, machine-learning algorithms, working with ArcGIS Pro, and more.

Early bird registration cost (until Oct. 7) is \$65 and includes lunch, snacks, and drinks. Register [here](#) or go to conference.bhdma.org for more information. Finalized schedules and parking instructions will be sent out prior to the conference.

For additional questions, please contact Kathryn Wesson at kathryn.wesson@state.sd.us. The conference is a great opportunity to gain knowledge, share ideas, and connect with others, so come check it out. We look forward to seeing you there!



UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems)

UAS partnership with LATC for Drone Camp By Cody Asher, Survey Crew Chief and Drone Pilot

On Friday, Sept. 16, 2022, approximately 50 students in grades 9-12 from the entire state attended a drone camp at Lake Area Technical College in Watertown. I was able to give presentations to all the kids about how the SDDOT is implementing and using UAS technologies. It was a great outreach to share with these kids about real world uses and applications in the survey and construction industry.

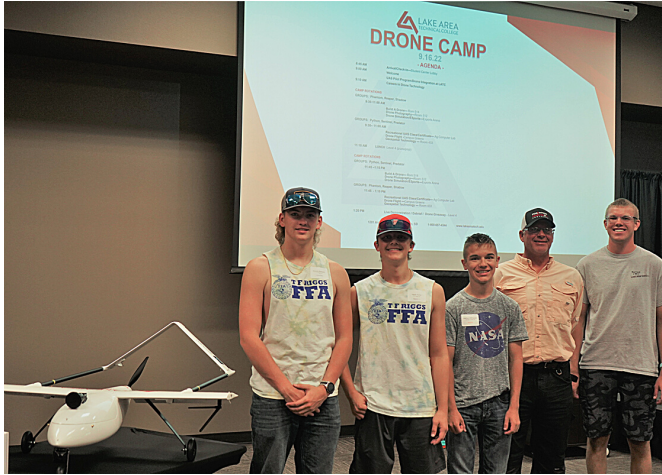


Cody received the following note from **LATC President, Mike Cartney** after the Drone Camp, "Thank You for helping us out! SDDOT is a great partner in many aspects, and this is another area I hope we can grow together in."

Photo on left:

Cody (2nd from the right) is pictured with two high school students from T.F. Riggs High School (Pierre) and a student from Aberdeen Central; as well as Nolan Hansen (far right); a CIS student at LATC and fellow drone pilot.

Photo on right: Rowdy Baldwin (L) and Hank Asher (R) are pictured using a drone during the Camp. Both are Pierre sophomore students.



Drone photo provided by Cody of the capform at bent 2 on the Pierre/Fort Pierre Bridge project.



Register for your onsite **2022-23 Biometric Screening** at www.webmdhealth.com/Benefit

Flu Clinics Begin Oct. 1, 2022:

State-sponsored employee flu shot clinics will officially begin after Oct. 1, 2022. This is an opportunity to protect yourself and the ones you love from illness. Influenza affects thousands of South Dakotans every year.

Both traditional and drive-through clinics will be offered across the state. If you are unable to attend a designated state employee flu clinic shown on the schedule, you can call a local Department of Health site and schedule an appointment.

Employees are encouraged to call ahead for appointments to help staff facilitate the separation of appointment times for social distancing. Face masks are required and will be available.

State employees and eligible dependents enrolled in the state employee health plan may receive a flu vaccination at a DOH-sponsored event at no cost. A complete list of state employee flu shot clinics and required forms is available

<https://bhr.sd.gov/benefits/health-plans/flu-vaccination-schedule/index.html>

SDDOT Recruitment Teams Attend Career Fairs in the Region

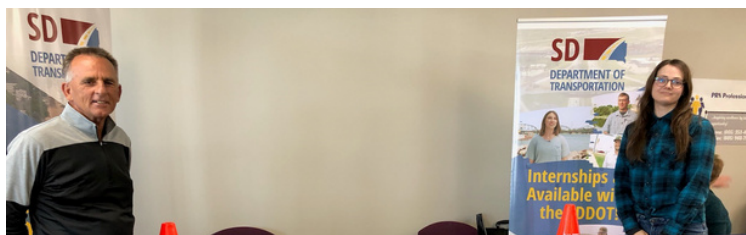
SDDOT employees have been busy this month helping to recruit the next generation of SDDOT team members. Next month you'll be able to find SDDOT crews at career fairs at the University of Wyoming, South Dakota State University, and Southeast Technical College!



Hannah Covey (left) and Derek Ferwerda (middle) at the SDSM&T Career Fair w/ **Isaak Rombough**, student and son of Surfacing Plans Project Engineer, **Lisa Rombough**



John Iverson (left) and Matt Brey (right) at the North Dakota State University Career Fair



Kevin Pavliceck (left) and Alyssa Taylor (right) at the Northern State University Career Fair

Underwater Bridge Inspections in Process on State Highway River Bridges

The SDDOT says underwater bridge inspections are currently underway for major state highway river bridges. CONSOR Engineers is the contractor completing the underwater inspections this fall.

"As part of National Standards, the SDDOT performs underwater inspections every five years on specific bridges," said Todd Thompson, SDDOT Bridge Maintenance Engineer and NBIS Program Manager. "The underwater inspection ensures that those portions of the bridge that are not visible continue to remain safe."

Inspection Schedule:

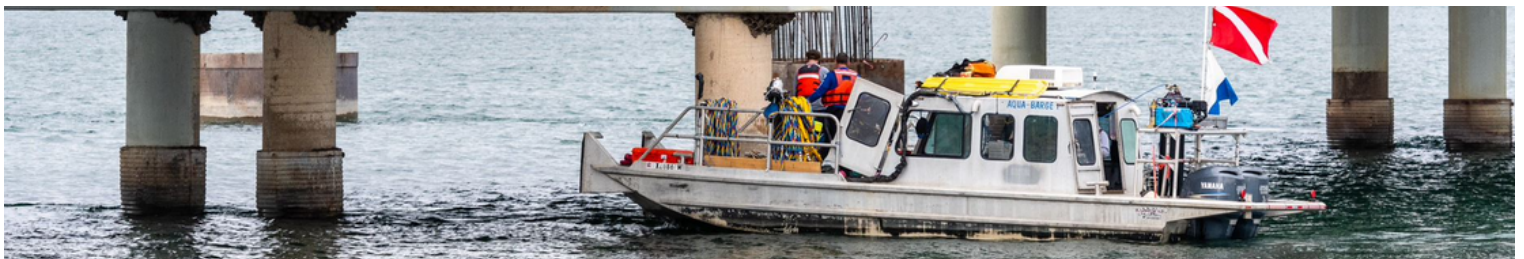
Inspections were recently completed for the Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge, the U.S. 212 Bridge near Forest City/Gettysburg, the S.D. Highway 1806 and U.S. Highway 12 bridges in Mobridge.

Underwater inspections are planned on the following bridges soon:

- Interstate 90 L over Lake Francis Case at Chamberlain
- Interstate 90 over Lake Francis Case at Chamberlain
- S.D Highway 44 over Lake Francis Case near Platte
- S.D. Highway 19 over Missouri River at Vermillion

The primary contractor for the underwater bridge inspection process is CONSOR of Houston, TX. The contract amount is \$270,000.

View photos of the Pierre/Fort Pierre Bridge underwater inspection below and on the SDDOT website at <https://dot.sd.gov/inside-sddot/media/media-kits>.



Community Connections



Future Transportation leaders?

In September, Leo and Andrea gave a high level SDDOT and FHWA presentation at their second grade Show and Tell.

Leo is the son of **Rebecka Wallingford, Financial Program Specialist.**

Andrea is the daughter of **Lance DeMers, DBE Program Coordinator, and Leah DeMers, FHWA Transportation Finance Specialist.**

Leo and Andrea explained the tools that their parents use in their careers, and demonstrated the benefits of their parents work for the public. They also handed out DOT branded activities to their classmates.



Travis Dominisse, Highway Maintenance Worker, Beresford recently drove the new Tow Plow truck in the Beresford homecoming day parade.



National Walk and Bike to School Day – Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022

Watch for our DOT staff in action during this safety awareness week! We will share photos and staff highlights on our social media pages and in the October newsletter!



SDDOT-themed activity sheets are available for staff participating in school events!

Find work zone awareness and snowplow themed activities on the branding page at <https://dot.sd.gov/inside-sddot/media/branding-and-identity-guidelines>

The Snowplow Naming Contest is open NOW through Nov. 30, 2022.

Information is available on our DOT home page; with a direct link to the contest entry form and activity sheets!

The activity sheets provide a QR Code and the SDDOT website address for kids/families to easily start entering their favorite snowplow names!



SDDOT Snowplow
Naming Contest:
Now - Nov. 30, 2022



Scan Here to Enter
Your Plow's Name
in our Contest!

Or visit
[https://dot.sd.gov/
to enter](https://dot.sd.gov/to-enter)

SDDOT Employee News and Updates . . .

Congratulations to Bob Page, Highway Maintenance Worker, Webster who retired on Sept. 8, 2022, with 29 years of service. **Bruce Schroeder, Aberdeen Area Engineer,** presented Bob with a plaque of appreciation.



Congratulations to Scott Pretzer, Property Management Specialist on his 25 years of service. **Joel Gengler, Right of Way Program Manager,** presented Scott with his longevity pin.

Construction is underway of a new four bay maintenance shop in **Eagle Butte**. In this picture, the main steel structure has just been assembled and the purlins are being installed.



Photo provided by Doug Gorham, Pierre Region Operations Coordinator



The Aberdeen Region paint crew was out on S.D. Highway 28 near Willow Lake striping both edge lines and center lines this month!

Drone photo provided by Josh Olson, Aberdeen Region Senior Bridge Engineer



Jason Humphrey, Pierre Region Engineer and **Greg Rothschadl, Yankton Area Engineer** were recently recognized by AASHTO for dedicated service to transportation within state government. Congratulations to all who received AASHTO honors!

Craig Smith (left) and Jason Humphrey (right) Greg Rothschadl (left) and Travis Dressen (right)

SDDOT Employee News and Updates. . .

September Longevity:

Jared Fosheim, Highway Maintenance Supervisor – 20 Years (Pierre Area)
 Terence Peck, Lead Highway Maintenance Worker – 25 Years (Huron Area)
 Scott Pretzer, Property Management Specialist - 25 Years (Central Office)
 Mike Hausmann, Journey Transportation Technician - 35 Years (Winner Area)
 Patty Thompson, Accountant III - 30 Years (Central Office)
 Kyle Currier, Equipment Technician - 15 Years (Pierre Region)



Congrats to **Patty Thompson, Accountant III**, for celebrating 30 years with the DOT. Patty is pictured with **Patti Devitt, Accounting Manager**.



Mike Hausmann, Journey Transportation Technician celebrating 35 Years (Winner Area). Mike is pictured with **Brad Norrid, Area Engineering Supervisor**.



Congrats to **Dave Shoultz, Highway Maintenance Worker from Ipswich**, 10 years. Dave is pictured with **Kevin Pavlicek, Highway Maintenance Supervisor**.



Congrats to **Jared Fosheim, Highway Maintenance Supervisor** – 20 Years (Pierre Area) with **Dean VanDeWiele, Pierre Area Engineer**



Congrats to **Kyle Currier Equipment Technician from Pierre**, for reaching 15 years with the DOT. Dave is pictured with **Tim Blow, Equipment Shop Foreman**.

SDDOT Employee News and Updates. . .

CPL Martin Fluegel Bridge Dedication

The S.D. Highway 38 Bridge over the West Vermillion River, near Salem, was dedicated to CPL Martin Fluegel this month. The bridge dedication ceremony for CPL Fluegel was Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, in Salem.

The sign will soon be installed on the bridge by local SDDOT employees.

Pictured is the Fluegel family at the dedication.



New Hires:

Cory Lowrie, Highway Maintenance Worker, Mitchell
 Jon (Tate) Merchant, Highway Maintenance Worker, Selby
 Jon Gustad, Highway Maintenance Worker, Junction City
 Jeffrey Foster, Consultant Management Engineer, Pierre
 Mark Burger, Highway Maintenance Worker, Sioux Falls
 Clay Hindman, Journey Transportation Technician (Driller), Pierre
 Cameron Meinzer, Highway Maintenance Worker, Murdo
 David Powers, Right of Way Specialist, Sioux Falls
 Michael Hastings, Highway Maintenance Worker, Britton
 Scott Nelson, Right of Way Specialist, Sioux Falls
 Colby Jensen, Journey Transportation Technician, Pierre
 Jaydon Wright, Highway Maintenance Worker, Gettysburg
 Joshua Schwartz, Journey Transportation Technician, Yankton
 Tony Baker, Journey Transportation Technician, Watertown
 Michael Lauritsen, Highway Maintenance Worker, Watertown
 Jordon Kitts, Federal Funding and Grant Specialist, Central Office



Promotions/Lateral Transfers:

Caitlyn German, Journey Transportation Technician, Watertown
 Caleb Horstman, Region Materials Engineer, Mitchell
 Jordan Kitts, Federal Funding & Grants Specialist, Pierre
 Kevin Valko, Region Traffic Engineer, Rapid City

SDDOT Employee News and Updates . . .

Please meet **Ryley Carter Berkemier**, grandson of Greg and Melinda Aalberg. **Greg is the Sioux Falls Area Engineering Supervisor.** Ryley was born Aug, 29, 2022.

His parents are Brett and Ana Berkemier. He weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. and was 18.5" long. He is Greg and Melinda's second grandchild.



Please meet **Jetta Rae Witt**! Congratulations to **Dustin Witt, Highway Safety Engineer!**

Patty Thompson, Accountant/Finance Department (Central Office) recently welcomed her first grandson!

Frederick Michael was born on Sept. 5, 2022, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz.



Please meet **Sarracenia Evangeline Carnahan**, daughter of **Bridget, Wetlands Specialist** and **Shane Carnahan, Transportation Analyst.**

She was born Sept. 8, 2022; weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. and 21" long.

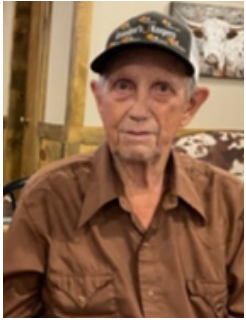


Hudson James Shangreaux was born Sept. 9, 2022, weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz. and 20" long. Parents are Jordan & Madison Shangreaux and (husky sister Loki)! Grandparents are Chris and Tracy Boom. Tracy is the DOT Budget Analyst.



In Sympathy . . .

Our sympathy to **Mike Kogel (Lead Highway Maintenance Worker in Woonsocket)** on the passing of his mother. Karen Kogel, rural Woonsocket, passed away on Aug. 4, 2022, at Avera Wesskota Memorial Hospital in Wessington Springs. A funeral services was held on Aug. 13, 2022, at St. Wilfrid's Catholic Church in Woonsocket; burial at St. Wilfrid's Cemetery.



Our sympathy to **Richard Frazier, Engineer, Winner Area**, on the passing of his father. **Rodney J. Frazier**, Pierre, passed away on Sept. 1, 2022. A funeral service was held on Sept. 6, 2022, at Isburg Funeral Chapel followed by burial at the Riverside Cemetery in Pierre.

Rodney worked for the South Dakota Department of Transportation for 35 years. He retired in 1999.



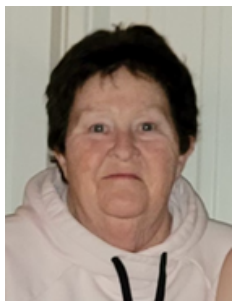
Our Sympathy to **Dave Hempel, Senior ROW Specialist - Central Office**, on the passing of his daughter. Jenna Kay Lundquist passed away on Sept. 2, 2022. A Celebration of Life was held on Sept. 8, 2022, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Arlington, SD.



Our sympathy to **Stacy Bartlett, Road Design Engineering Manager**, on the recent passing on her mother. Sandy Foell, of Pierre, SD, passed away Sept. 6, 2022. A funeral service was held on Sept. 13 2022, at Lutheran Memorial Church, Pierre, SD.



Our sympathy to **Cody Wangsness, Lead Worker - Faulkton Shop** on the passing of his father. Larry Wangsness, Orient, passed away on Sept. 6, 2022. A celebration of life was held on Sept. 10, 2022, at Luce Funeral Home, Faulkton.



Our sympathy to **Brent Weig, Highway Maintenance Worker - Leola** on the passing of his step-mother. Donna Weig, Leola, passed away Sept. 10, 2022. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Sept. 20, 2022, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Leola, SD. Burial was at Green Mound Cemetery in Leola.